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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: UTA DC-10 ACCIDENT JAKARTA

REF: STATE 240170, PARIS 26036 & 26403

1. GUERITO OF FRENCH ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION TEAM WHO RETURNED FROM JAKARTA, GAVE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF ACCIDENT: UTA'S DC-10-30, US REGISTRY N-54639, LANDED AT JAKARTA'S HALIM AIRPORT AT 14:15 GMT (NIGHT) UNDER VARIABLE VISIBILITY CONDITIONS DUE INTERMITTENT HEAVY RAINS. CREW REPORTED THAT LIGHTED RUNWAY VISIBLE SOME DISTANCE AWAY BUT THAT VISIBILITY BECAME MARGINAL 700FT FROM THRESHOLD AND AGAIN IMPROVED 400FT AWAY. AIRCRAFT LANDED ON RUNWAY 24 (244DEGREES) WITH A 10 KTS WIND FROM 1500, ACCORDING 1400 GMT WEATHER REPORT. THERE ARE NO ANEMOMETERS NEAR THE RUNWAY AND THOSE LOCATED AT THE CONTROL TOWER AND MET SERVICE STATION HAVE NO RECORDING FEATURE SO THAT ACTUAL WIND CONDITIONS AT TIME OF LANDING CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED.

TRACKS VISIBLE SOME 1000 METERS FROM THRESHOLD
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SHOWED AIRCRAFT VEERED RIGHT AND SUBSEQUENTLY KEPT ON

PARALLEL COURSE TO RUNWAY WITH RIGHT LANDING GEAR 2 METERS OFF PAVEMENT BUT ON SOLID GROUND. CREW STATED THAT ON LANDING, THEY EXPERIENCED AQUAPLANING WITH UNCONTROLLABLE SHIFTING TO THE RIGHT. CREW NOT OVERLY CONCERNED AND CONFIDENT OF BRINGING AIRCRAFT WHEELS BACK ON SOLID PAVEMENT, UNFORTUNATELY RIGHT GEAR HIT A FOOT AND A HALF DEEP DITCH DUG UP IN CONNECTION WITH REINFORCEMENT OF AN INTERSECTING TAXIWAY. GEAR IMPACTED WITH METALLIC CONSTRUCTION FORMS CAUSING SEVERE DAMAGE TO WHEELS AND TIRES, AND RIGHT ENGINE INGESTED BROKEN UP PIECES OF THE FORMS.

SINCE SEVERAL RUNWAY EDGE LIGHTS HAD BEEN TORN UP AND TO AVOID POTENTIAL DANGER OF EXPOSED POWER CABLES TO PASSENGERS BEING EVACUATED, POWER WAS CUT OFF SHORTLY AFTER AIRCRAFT CAME TO REST. RIGHT LANDING GEAR AND ANTI SKID SYSTEM BEING SENT TO MANUFACTURER FOR EVALUATION. FDR AND VOICE RECORDER ANALYZED BY FRENCH INVESTIGATING TEAM.

2. GUERITO NOT ENTIRELY CONFIDENT IN FRENCH READ OUT CAPABILITY AND THEREFORE MAY TAKE UP NTSB'S OFFER FOR FDR READ OUT AS A CHECK TO THEIR OWN RESULTS. DREIFUS OF NTSB, WHO WILL MEET GUERITO NOVEMBER 6, MAY BE ASKED TO HANDCARRY FDR BACK WITH HIM ON HIS RETURN TO U.S. RUSH

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